

Minutes from  
**Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
**House of Delegates Meeting**  
**March 18, 2017**  
Escalante Hotel  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates was opened by Beth Simmons, president, at 1:05 pm.

Invocation was given by Bill Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth introduced the VIPs attending the meeting: Ron Carman, President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies; Richard Jaeger, Past President of RMFMS and AFMS; Bob Carlson, Past President of AFMS, NWFMS, and RMFMS; Diane Weir, Past President, RMFMS; and DeLane Cox, Past President, RMFMS.

Several Memorial Tributes were given. Secretary Wayne Cox asked for printed copies to go in the Minutes.

Credentials Committee reported that we had representation from 36 clubs, thus we had a quorum.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting were presented. DeLane Cox made note that there is an addendum at the end of the Minutes covering the Executive Committee Vote to approve the membership of a new club, Sublette County in Wyoming. Bob Carlson moved to dispense with the reading. Diane Weir seconded. Motion approved. Motion made to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Maggard reported that our Insurance cost has been reduced from 65-cents to 60-cents per member. He reported we had \$1,673 in interest this year. He made the motion to give the surplus in the investment accounts to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, as required by former motions. Motion passed. He said he was putting \$10,000 into short-term bonds, and that would leave \$15,000 in the checking account to cover any emergencies that might come up.

## Officers' Reports

Vice President: Report in packet

Secretary: Extra copies of the Annual Report were available if someone had not bought their copy. There are also copies of two reports not received in time to go into the packet. He asked for a volunteer to run the video recorder for the meeting. Margi Becker from Denver Gem and Mineral Guild volunteered.

Historian: Cinda Kunkler said she brought her report and she reported that she has the historical papers from 1941 to 1963 all in order. She brought a picture that is believed to be the first RMFMS meeting in 1941 and passed it around.

Past Presidents: No Reports

## State Directors Reports

Bill Smith, SD-Kansas, reported two clubs have folded, and he now has five clubs and has attended several club functions. The Topeka Club has a great show.

Bob Carlson, SD- New Mexico/Texas, said everything is going OK.

Stan Strike, SD-Wyoming, has a good report in the packet. Wyoming has one new club this year. No other reports.

## Committee Reports

Fluorescent Technical: Pete Modreski said he has not had any questions this year, but he is still available to answer questions anyone has.

Newsletter: Beth is still looking for a Newsletter editor. Jim McGarvey is substituting right now, but she would like to have a permanent newsletter editor.

Finance Committee: Wayne Cox reported that the Financial Review went well, and the report is in the packet.

Lapidary Technical: Bill Smith is the new chair of this. He said he is doing more lapidary work now, and he has two great cases in the Show. Anyone with questions in the lapidary area can contact him.

Program Library: Gene Maggard said the programs are not being used a great deal. But the full Catalog is on the website, if anyone needs to get a good program for their club.

Membership Directories: Have been published and mailed. Kay Waterman did a great job this year. Liz Thomas said that Finis Riggs would have extra copies for purchase in the back of the room.

Scholarship: Richard Jaeger said the Scholarship fund received a couple of gifts lately. The Topeka Club donated \$603 as they closed their club. And Wichita had donated \$75 to the fund. The total in the fund is \$4,492.12. This year's Scholarship Recipients will be different than what was published, due to a misunderstanding on how the scholarships were to be awarded. But the Honorary Recipient will be at the Awards Banquet and she will tell a bit about herself.

The All American Club Award: DeLane Cox reported that one entry was received this year. It has been judged and will be recognized at the Banquet.

ACROY (AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year): Beth said every club should consider having one of these every year, to recognize their members. Best done before they die and are not here to receive the award.

Insurance: Gene Maggard said he can provide the 80-page insurance papers if anyone would like to have them send by email.

Long Range Planning: Richard Jaeger said this will be covered under New Business.

Name Badges: Richard Jaeger said he thought he had everyone's order done. If other people need pins or bars, let him know.

Permanent Address: Report in Packet.

Program Contest: Gene Maggard reported he received one entry this year.

Ribbons: Peggy Sue Moore reported that she had ordered a bunch of new generic ribbons, and we will have plenty for this year and next year.

Convention Advisor: Bob Carlson said he met with the chair of the Show and Convention for this year, and the Albuquerque Club was off and running with plans.

Scholarship: Richard Jaeger said this year's Scholarship recipients will not be as listed in the Report due to a mis-understanding with the Scholarship Honoree. She will be at the Banquet to talk about herself and how she selected scholarship winners.

Stationery/Trophies: Bob Carlson said he had the new trophies and plaques here for the banquet.

Supplies: Finis Riggs said most of the paper supplies can be gotten on-line for free. He does have some paper copies. He also has several patch and pins for sale.

### Public Land Advisory Committee (PLAC):

Beth made the comment that many of our PLAC chairs have been very busy this year due to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) being involved with so many new land regulations.

Report from Jared Kyner for Kansas that things were OK---not great, but OK. He said the seminar on sending comments to the governmental organizations on Friday was really good information.

Report from New Mexico – Bob Regner gave a brief report on the status of government land rules and regulations and how it was affecting clubs. Jack Johnson was not there, but Beth reported that in Utah they were having a fairly easy time dealing with Government groups.

Stan Strike reported for Wyoming that there were still problems, but seemed to be good right now.

Uniform Rules: Jay Bowman reported that there are two competitive cases at the Show, and awards will be given at the Banquet.

Website Contest: Jennifer Gerring said she was new, and had done the contest this year, with much help from the former chair. She said the AmFed rules for websites had changed, and she was trying to get all of the things together and contest operating as it should.

### Unfinished Business

Bob Carlson, who headed up the *ad hoc* committee to revise and update the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, said the Articles were much shorter, in accordance with the State of New Mexico preferences. And the By-Laws were more in line with the AmFed rules. Some of the items in the former Articles were moved into the By-Laws for clarification. Once finished, the new documents were sent out to all clubs for review and questions. The major change was to change the term limit of the Secretary and Treasurer to a two-year term to align with the AFMS rules. Also, there will be one classification of Committees – Permanent Committees. Any other committees needed for short-term projects will be *ad hoc* committees. Gene Maggard reminded the Delegates that the Executive Committee had voted to recommend acceptance of the new rules. Motion approved. Bill Smith made a motion to ammend the Articles of Incorporation to eliminate the (b) in the second paragraph. Motion approved. DeLane Cox made a motion to recommend the rules be accepted with changes before publication to cover errors in

grammar, spelling, capitalization and other minor errors. Motion approved.

Bob Carlson reminded the Delegates that the Articles and By-Laws changes had to be approved by a two-thirds majority of those voting to be official. Motion to approve the Articles of Incorporation, Richard Jaeger, and Second Bill Smith. Motion approved.

### New Business

Future Conventions: A request to host the Convention for 2018 came from the Denver Gem & Mineral Guild. Linda Burns gave a bit of information. The meetings will be in Fairplay, Colorado, June 8-10, at the same time as the Contin-tail Rock Show. There is a new hotel, the Riverside Inn, with plenty of rooms for Delegates and Officers. Beth said we can use the lobby to set up competitive cases only, no non-competitive cases.

There will be several field trips on Sunday, with a cost of about \$10 per person, and you can sign up for one. Beth reminded people that this is high elevation (10,000 feet) so plan to come up gently. Motion to accept by Bob Carlson. Second by Bill Smith. Motion Passed.

Richard Jaeger said Rapid City, S.D., had indicated they might be interested in hosting the 2019 or 2020 convention. He will stay in touch with them.

Nomination Committee: DeLane Cox presented the slate of officers the committee proposed. The proposed slate is: President, Beth Simmons; Vice President, Liz Thomas; Secretary, Wayne Cox, Treasurer, Gene Maggard. State Directors: Arizona, Russ Stewart; Kansas, Bill Smith; North Dakota, Russ Olinger; S. Dakota/Nebraska, Sony Hemscher. Beth asked for nominations from the floor. Diane Weir nominated Jody Brewster for Arizona State Director. Since the nominations had Russ Stewart continuing in the job, a vote was taken on this one position. Jody Brewster was elected and will take office Nov. 1, 2017. Bob Carlson made a motion to accept the remainder of the slate as proposed, seconded by Bill Smith. Motion passed.

The Long Range Planning Committee: Richard Jaeger said the LRP Committee had five new OPs to present.

1. New Programs Committee OP – this contest has not been promoted in the RMFMS or had entries in the past few years. But this is the way new materials come for the Program Library. The AFMS contest is through winners of regional Federation contests, and they need each Federation’s help in getting new programs. The Executive Committee had voted to recommend to accept. Motion was made to accept, and seconded. Vote was: one abstain, four opposed, majority approved. Motion passed.

2. New Public Relations Committee OP – DeLane Cox said she felt this was really needed to help every club promote their activities and shows and to help them grow their membership. Liz Thomas said she felt it was not needed because this is something the State Directors should be doing. Bill Smith said he did not like it because we cannot get people to chair other committees so we do not need a new one. Other discussion and questions were made. Motion to accept by DeLane Cox, Seconded. Vote was: opposed, 14, majority for. Motion approved.

3. Website Contest Committee OP - The contest has been held in our Federation for several years without guidelines. Jennifer Gerring, chair of this committee, stated that the AFMS had new rules that were different to those proposed in this OP, and she would like to have the motion disapproved until she could get the current rules into a new OP for next year. (The Executive Committee had voted not to ask for approval of this OP.) Motion to approve, 0, Opposed, majority. Motion failed. This will be re-written and brought back next year.

4. Membership Directory Committee OP - The Federation has not had any OP covering the Membership Directory. This OP just covers what has been done in the past with a few tweeks. Vote: unanimous to approve.

5. Finance Committee OP – Another place that work has been done, but without guidelines. Wayne Cox said that the current committee approved the new OP. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Bob Carlson said he wanted a correction to this OP that said “...or before being turned over to a new Treasurer at any time.” Vote was unanimous to approve.

## Resolutions

Bob Carlson recognized the several Junior Rockhounds who have a case in the Show. Awards will be given out tonight at the Awards Banquet.

DeLane Cox recognized the Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club and thanked them for their hard work on the Show and Convention.

No further business: Motion to adjourn by Bob Carlson, seconded by Bill Smith. Motion approved.

Dismissed at 3:35 pm.

Minutes as recorded by  
Wayne Cox, Secretary